

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 15 and 18 as shown below.

1. (Previously presented) A device for collecting biological samples comprising:
  - (i) at least one collection protrusion, which is attached to the body of the device, comprising at least one tip;
  - (ii) at least one pad for contacting the tip, wherein the pad comprises chemical preservatives or enzyme inhibitors;
  - (iii) at least one cap, which is coated with silica gel, a molecular sieve, or a desiccant and capable of sealingly enclosing the device; and
  - (iv) at least one aeration hole.
2. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the tip is a wick, spoon, pick, or swab.
- 3-4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the cap is connected to the device.
6. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the cap is detached from the device.
7. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the cap slidably encloses the device.



8. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the device is made of plastic.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, further comprising material with instructions on using the device.

11. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the instructions are in written form.

12. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein at least one collection protrusion is foldable or removable.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A device for collecting biological samples comprising:

- (i) at least one collection protrusion comprising at least one tip;
- (ii) at least one pad for contacting the tip;
- (iii) a storage area for collecting liquid and/or a storage area for collecting solid sample, wherein inside of the liquid storage area is coated with a chemical preservative or enzyme inhibitor; and
- (iv) at least one aeration hole,

wherein the liquid storage area is fitted with a syringe.



16. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 15, wherein the syringe is fitted with a unidirectional piston.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A device for collecting biological samples comprising:

- (i) at least one collection protrusion comprising at least one tip;
- (ii) at least one pad for contacting the tip;
- (iii) a storage area for collecting liquid and/or a storage area for collecting solid sample, wherein inside of the liquid storage area is coated with a chemical preservative or enzyme inhibitor; and
- (iv) at least one aeration hole,

wherein the liquid storage area is fitted with capillary tube.

19. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 15, comprising an area for gathering a solid sample.

20. (Original) The device according to claim 19, wherein the solid sample collection area comprises a lid.

21. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 15, wherein at least one collection protrusion is foldable or removable.



22. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the chemical preservatives or enzyme inhibitors is selected from a group consisting of DNase inhibitors, EDTA, buffers, sodium azide, sodium benzoate, procline, and thimerosal.

23. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 12, wherein the collection protrusion is foldable around a hinge.

24. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 18, comprising an area for gathering a solid sample.

25. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 24, wherein the solid sample collection area comprises a lid.

26. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 18, wherein at least one collection protrusion is foldable or removable.